



# Ward Notification

## Tucson Fire Department

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### **Ward 6 – Apartment Fire - 1000 Block of North Alamo Avenue**

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Dispatch Time – 0248  
On Scene Time – 0253  
Fire Under Control – 0306

A resident, who lives in this apartment complex, noticed a light haze of smoke coming from a second floor apartment and called 911. He knocked on the door to alert the occupant, but the occupant was sleeping and did not hear him. Firefighters arrived to find the apartment filled with smoke, a fire in the living room, a cat inside howling and the owner sleeping in the bedroom. The cat and the owner were both rescued by firefighters. A neighbor is caring for the cat and the owner was transported to a hospital by paramedics with non-life threatening injuries. The fire was contained to the individual apartment and one person was displaced.

Red Cross was not needed. The apartment manager will be providing this person with another place to live.

Damage is estimated at \$20,000.

Cause – Accidental – Carelessly discarded smoking materials.

Origin – Living room couch

Safety message: This fire serves as a reminder of the importance of having a working smoke detector and an escape plan. It also serves as a reminder to use caution when discarding cigarettes. This is the second fire TFD has responded to, in December of 2009, where carelessly discarded smoking materials caused a fire and at least one person was transported to a hospital with injuries.